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Application of :  
Manabu OUMI et al. :  
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Filed: January 7, 2000 :  
For: NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL HEAD : Docket No. S004-3848(PCT)

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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES  
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On April 14, 2000, the PTO issued a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) ("Notification") advising that the application was filed without a declaration and providing a one-month period in which to submit the declaration and surcharge for late filing thereof.

In response to the PTO Notification, a duly signed declaration is submitted herewith together with a check in the sum of \$130.00 to cover the required surcharge for the late

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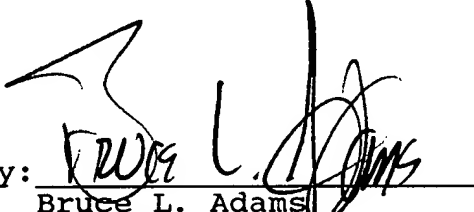
filing of the declaration. Also submitted is a copy of the PTO Notification. Should the check prove insufficient for any reason, authorization is hereby given to charge any such deficiency to Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

It is respectfully requested that the processing of the application be completed, and that the filing receipt be issued in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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